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#### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3952

HON. ROBERT S. WALKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, today we are introducing a bill to broaden the interpretation of language contained in the Florence Agreement, a multilateral international agreement regarding the importation of educational, scientific, and cultural materials. Signed by the United States, it allows for the duty-free importation of scientific apparatus into the United States, if used by U.S. approved institutions for educational, scientific, and cultural purposes.

The problem which has raised this issue involves two large optical telescopes now under construction in Hawaii and Chile. The Gemini International Telescope Project, managed by the Association of Universities in Astronomy [AURA], involves the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. The U.S. Customs Service has narrowly defined the words "scientific instruments or apparatus" not to include components of these instruments or apparatus.

The telescopes contain several components, one of which is an eight meter mirror which was manufactured in the United States. The mirrors were shipped to France for polishing before being returned to Hawaii and Chile for

final assembly. The U.S. Customs Service initially contended that the mirror was a component and that components are not eligible for duty-free entry. Chile, however, is not charging duties on the mirror destined for there. Following requests from Members of Congress and the administration, the U.S. Customs Service finally agreed to allow the duty-free import of the mirror, because it ruled that the mirror involved the essence of the telescopes. However, there are several other major components of the telescope that should receive duty free status. Separate legislation (H.R. 3951) has also been introduced to allow favorable treatment of these components.

While demonstrated by the difficulties encountered with the Gemini International Telescope Project, this bill addresses the broader problem of the interpretation of the words "instruments or apparatus" by the U.S. Customs Service. This bill states that separable components shall be included under the definition of "instruments or apparatus" and shall thus be eligible for duty-free import into the United States under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. This bill will ensure that the United States fulfills the intent of the Florence Agreement.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDGE MAYO MASHBURN

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Judge Mayo Mashburn, a great Tennessee judge, recently passed away.

Judge Mashburn presided as a Criminal Court judge in McMinn County and the rest of the 10 Judicial District over the past decade. While Judge Mashburn was described as a "no nonsense" judge who was to the point, he was also a man who went out of his way to help people.

Judge Mashburn was one of the most respected citizens in east Tennessee and was loved by many people. A close friend, Dr. Bill Trotter was quoted in the Daily Post-Athenian saying, "Our community will miss him both as a judge and a man who served the community in many ways."

I request that a copy of the article which appeared in the Daily Post-Athenian be placed in the RECORD at this point. I would like to call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

#### IN HONOR OF AMERICORPS GRADUATES FROM THE UNION CITY DAY CARE PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an industrious group of individuals, the 1995-96 participants in the AmeriCorps Program of the Union City Day Care Program, Inc. and the Urban League of Hudson County who have chosen the selfless path of service to the community. A com-

mencement ceremony for these graduates will be held on August 5 at the Urban Starting Points in Jersey City, NJ.

This joyous occasion marks the culmination of a extensive training program which prepares these men and women for careers attending to the needs of the children in their communities. When our honorees first entered the AmeriCorps Program, their expectations of success were modest. However, the educational experiences gained over the past year have tremendously increased their personal determination to handle any obstacle they may face.

The 1995-96 graduating AmeriCorps class consist of 22 dedicated individuals, including: Sabrina Arnold, Alberto Canal, Judith Concepcion, Yesenia Flores, Doreen Griffin, Waynette Harris, Luis Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, Tawanda Holmes, LaToya Leak, April Lewis, Brandi McCrea, Darcel McRae, Frank Meloi, Nicole Myrick, Lydia Nieves, Aida Paredes, Abdullah Payton, Dellar Reid, Wilma Sanchez, Yolanda Seruya, and Mylove Tetterton. The unique contributions these people will make in their neighborhoods will have an impact for generations to come.

Something as complex an undertaking as the AmeriCorps Program of the Urban League of Hudson County is never accomplished through the efforts of one person. This particular program has been successful due to the efforts of Elnora Watson, president and chief executive officer and her staff headed by director of the program Diane Fuller, Luis Mendez, Jeffrey, Lischin, Eloisa Lacson, and Richard Blas. They are exceptional community leaders.

The AmeriCorps graduates of the Union City Day Care Program exemplify the true meaning of community service. For their outstanding work and leadership, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these wonderful individuals. I am proud to have this valuable endeavor operating within my district.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FCC MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1996

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in February of this year, we passed, and the President signed, the most sweeping change to our Nation's telecommunications laws in over 62 years—the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104.

Earlier this Congress, I promised that after we finished rewriting our telecommunications laws the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance would then focus its efforts on downsizing and reducing unnecessary underbrush at the Federal Communications Commission. Today, I introduce the FCC Modernization Act of 1996 for just that purpose.

Mr. Speaker, the FCC Modernization Act of 1996 is not an effort to revolutionize the telecommunications industry. We already did that, and the industry and the Commission are still feeling the effects of our changes. In fact, yesterday the Commission adopted its report and order to implement the centerpiece of the 1996 act—bringing competition to the local telephone market. The Commission has been